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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: **Cationic dimeric dyes**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 116 pages of specification including claims
- ☒ 1 page(s) of abstract
- ☐ \_\_\_ sheet(s) of drawing ☐ formal ☐ informal
- ☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (original)
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- ☒ **Preliminary Amendment**

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- ☒ Priority of application No. 03405185.4 filed on March 18, 2003 respectively; in Europe (designating all states) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

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